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BRIDGETON, MO (KMOX) - 12 weeks ago, an Environmental Protection Agency plane designed to detect radiation flew over the burning Bridgeton landfill. The results from that flyover will be announced today.

Called an Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) plane, the anti-terrorism aircraft is used to detect radiation at high-profile events such as the Super Bowl and presidential inaugurations. The EPA has already said the plane detected radiation when it flew over the West Lake Landfill on March 8th, what they haven't stated is the extent of that radiation.

Ed Smith with the Missouri Coalition for the Environment says the data will either reinforce or contradict what ground monitors operated by the state have been indicating.

"If the EPA says that it detected something more than background levels of radiation, there's a real cause for concern," he said. "The equipment that's being used to test for radiation around the landfill so far has detected nothing above quote background levels of radiation."

Smith says he hopes the EPA releases all of the data it collected and not just a summary report saying the situation isn't a concern.

"I don't know yet what is going to be released. What I can say is I hope all the raw data... collected from the airplane is released to the public instead of being scrubbed,"

he said.

A teleconference to announce the findings is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Wednesday.